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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS IN TWO PARTS.

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PART I

CONTINUED ANALYSIS OF SEVERAL OF THE TYPE IIIC ICBM SITES ON

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VARIOUS MISSIONS REVEALS SIGNIFICANT CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES DURING THE MID-STAGE. ALL HORIZONTAL DIMENSIONS ARE PLUS OR MINUS [redacted] 25X1 FEET AND SOME DESCRIPTIVE TERMS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE. LIMITED EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT CONCRETE IS POURED INTO THE SILO CORING FORMING A CYLINDRICAL SILO WITH AN INSIDE DIAMETER OR APPROXIMATELY [redacted] AND AN OUTSIDE DIAMETER OR APPROXIMATELY [redacted] 25X1 25X1 A BEVELED RING, WITH THE SMALLER DIAMETER APPROXIMATELY [redacted] 25X1 AND THE LARGER DIAMETER APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET, IS FITTED ONTO THE TOP OF THE CONCRETE SILO MENTIONED ABOVE. AT LAUNCH AREA F AT ZHANGIZ TOBE [redacted] THIS BEVELBED RING CAN BE SEEN BEING 25X1 FABRICATED IN 3 PARTS JUST OUTSIDE THE SILO EXCAVATION. A BEVELED "LIP" IN THE CENTER OF THE BASE OF THE SQUARE SILO EXCAVATION CAN BE SEEN CLEARLY. AT IMENI GASTELLO, LAUNCH AREA F [redacted] A 25X1 SIMILAR BEVELED RING IS IN PLACE AND TWO OF THE THREE JOINTS ARE CLEARLY DEFINED. AT THIS SAME SITE THE WALLS OF THE SQUARE SILO STRUCTURE, WHICH MEASURES ABOUT 65 FEET ON A SIDE, ARE SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE BASE OF THE EXCAVATION. ALSO, FORMING MATERIALS ARE IN PLACE TO EXTEND THE INNER DIAMETER OF THE SILO UPWARD AND THE APERTURE SEEMS TO HAVE A TEMPORARY COVERING.

AT SOME SITES AT SEVERAL OTHER COMPLEXES TEMPORARY COVERS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED OVER THE APERTURES, AND COMPARTMENTS WITHIN SEVERAL OF THE SILOS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, GENERALLY AT DIFFERENT PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION. AT SOME SITES, ON TWO SIDES OF THE SILO APERTURE THERE ARE OPENINGS IN THE COMPARTMENTS OF SUFFICIENT

SIZE AND DEPTH TO ACCOMMODATE EXHAUST PORTS. THESE OPENINGS ARE ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE SILO APERTURE WITH RESPECT TO THE SITE ORIENTATION. PORTIONS OF THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF THE SILO STRUCTURE APPEAR TO BE SOLID OR CAPPED IN AN UNBROKEN SURFACE. IN ALL INSTANCES, CONSTRUCTION RAMPS EXTEND OVER THE SILO STRUCTURE AND OBSCURE A PORTION OF THE SILO.

PART II

IN [redacted] (PART III) NPIC REPORTED THAT ALL THE LEVEL ACCESSES AT THE NINE SITES COVERED AT LAUNCH GROUP L WERE ORIENTED ON A NORTH/SOUTH AXIS. THIS WAS INCORRECT. LAUNCH SITE L3 (22) IS ORIENTED AT APPROXIMATELY 90 DEGREES TO THE OTHER SITES. THE LEVEL ACCESSES OF 9 OF THE 10 SITES ARE ORIENTED GENERALLY NORTH/SOUTH. 25X1

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